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SUBJECT: BISENGIMANA VISIT

1. PRIVATE, WASHINGTON-BASED AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN KENT CRANE OF THE CRANE GROUP LIMITED, WHO IS REPORTEDLY HANDLING LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR VISIT, INFORMED AF/C JUNE 6 THAT FORMER PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER BISENGIMANA WILL ARRIVE AT WASHINGTON EVENING OF JUNE 7 ON CONCORDE WITH FIVE-MEMBER DELEGATION PURSUANT TO HIS REPORTED MANDATE FROM MOBUTU TO COORDINATE ZAIRIAN RECOVERY EFFORTS IN THE POST-KOLWEZI PHASE.

2. OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP REPORTEDLY INCLUDE: CITOYEN BIME, BUREAU OF THE PRESIDENCY; CITOYEN MWANDA, BANK OF ZAIRE; CITOYEN DJAMBOLEKA, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE; AND ONE EUROPEAN EXPATRIATE ADVISER -- PRESUMABLY EITHER THE GROUP'S IMF-SECONDED COUNSELOR DE GROOTE OF BELGIUM OR ONE LE CLERC, PRESUMABLY A BELGIAN NATIONAL AS WELL. CRANE
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MENTIONED THAT A NUMBER OF "OTHERS" WOULD BE ARRIVING AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE VISIT. SEBASTIAO PINTO IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD TO BE COMING AS BISENGIMANA HAS ASKED CRANE FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING A VISA FOR HIS WIFE, FERREIRA PILAR WHO IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE LIVING IN RIO DE JANEIRO WHERE SHE WILL APPLY.

3. THE ONLY POINTS ON THE BISENGIMANA ITINERARY WHICH CRANE COULD IDENTIFY WERE A LUNCHEON WITH MCNAMARA OF THE WORLD BANK ON THURSDAY AND ANOTHER LUNCHEON WITH WITTEVEEN OF THE IMF ON FRIDAY. BISENGIMANA HAS NOT ASKED FOR APPOINTMENTS WITHIN THE USG, TO THE BEST OF AF/C'S KNOWLEDGE ALTHOUGH SUCH REQUESTS MIGHT YET BE MADE.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THE BISENGIMANA PARTY WILL DEPART SATURDAY FOR BRUSSELS VIA NEW YORK IN ORDER TO BE ON HAND FOR DISCUSSIONS EITHER WITHIN OR ON THE EDGE OF THE BRUSSELS MEETING ON THE MOBUTU PLAN, JUNE 13-14. VANCE

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